



# info memo – July 27, 2007

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## **Traffic Signals at Elm/New Orleans Shut Down Monday**

The City Electrical Department will be disabling the traffic signals at Elm Place and New Orleans after morning rush on Monday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. A four-way stop will remain in place until Wednesday, August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The lack of traffic signals at the intersection will create significant delays during this time period, so all motorists are advised to use alternate routes as the construction in this area continues.

## **Celebrate Nienhuis Tomorrow**

Come join the City of Broken Arrow for fun, food and entertainment as we celebrate one of our city's greatest treasures.

The new attractions at Nienhuis Park are open for business.

With two large slides, two junior slides and an "AquaPlay" area inside, the new pool is receiving rave reviews. The new gymnasium, which opened earlier this year, features two courts for basketball, volleyball and other activities.

On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Blue Bell and Starbuck's will be on site offering complimentary treats.

For more information on the facilities at Nienhuis, call the park office at 355-0287.

## **City Employees Signing Up for Day of Caring**

City employees are already preparing for the opportunity to “make a difference” in the community as the United Way’s Day of Caring approaches.

Participants throughout the Greater Tulsa area contribute more than 24,000 hours each year to the event, benefiting 65 agencies and community organizations.

This year, volunteers will spend September 7th at the Broken Arrow Senior Center, located at The Main Place (1800 S. Main). They will be painting the interior accent walls, cleaning and organizing the storage closet, landscaping the front of the building and cleaning the bathrooms.

## **Softball Tournaments Continue at Arrowhead Park**

Two AFA National Girls Fast pitch Softball Tournaments are scheduled to wrap up Saturday at Arrowhead Park, with another starting next week. During the final week of July and first week of August, more than 100 teams from nearly 40 states will have visited Broken Arrow.

The AFA Nationals began Tuesday, July 23rd, and the finals in both the 12-Under and 16-Under divisions are set for tomorrow.

On Tuesday, July 31st, opening ceremonies for the ASA “A” Southern Nationals will be held at South Intermediate High School’s stadium. Players in the 14-Under field will also take part in a “play day” at Country Aire swimming pool.

The Clarion Hotel in Broken Arrow is serving as the tournament headquarters. Finals are scheduled for August 4th, with all of the teams sticking around most of the week for pool play games.

The Broken Arrow Girls Softball League bids on the tournaments each year and its volunteers make it all happen. Once again this summer the BAGSL has brought in both AFA and ASA nationals. The influx of teams and their fans provides a huge economic boost for the community each year.

## **Police Team with BA Neighbors for ‘Back to School Bash’**

Broken Arrow’s Police Department is teaming up with Broken Arrow Neighbors Saturday, August 4th, for a “Back to School Bash” which will give area youngsters an opportunity to have fun, learn some safety lessons and get some of their school supplies for the coming year.

The free event will be held at the Justice Center (2304 S. First Place) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Tulsa County Health Department will be present to provide immunizations to those children who need them.

Prevent Blindness will be giving free vision screenings during the event. The Optimist Club is sponsoring a bike rodeo and the Civitans will be handing out Blue Bell ice cream.

In addition to the BAPD K-9 units, there will be appearances by the School Resource Officers, Bicycle Officers and Traffic Unit, as well as McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog and Vince & Larry the Crash Dummies. The Broken Arrow Fire Department will have its Education Trailer at the site.